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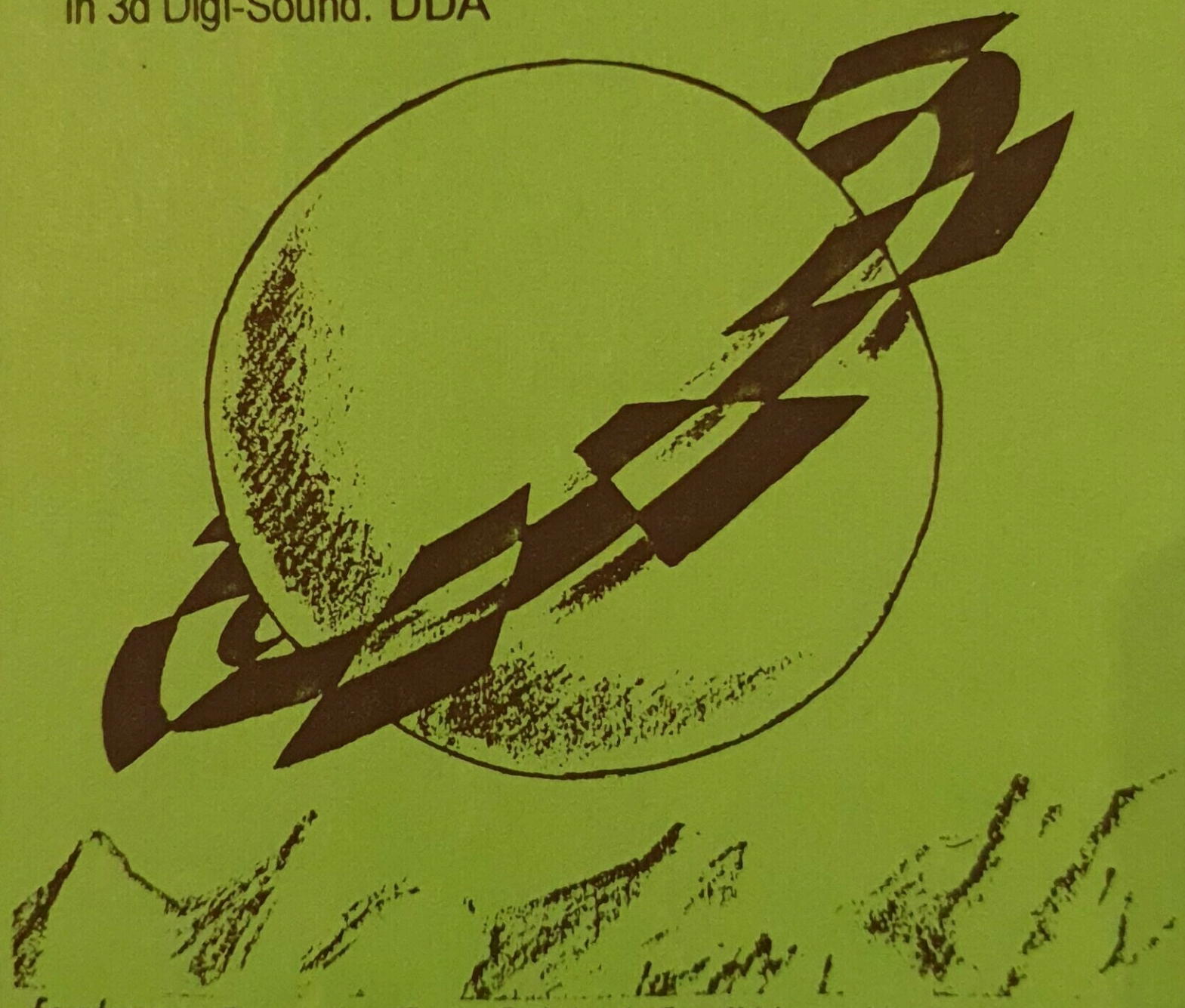

features Porcupine Tree, Galahad, Geoff Mann, Niadems Ghost,
Grey Lady Down, Incubus Succubus, Moria Falls, Legend...etc

editorial

Hi Prog Pickers it's your good old mate Cess back again. I cannot believe a year has slipped by since the last Silhobbit cassette. That was such a success so we just had to supply the demand, and do it again.

Prog likes concepts, and we are no different. Originally it was just going to be the new/unheard of bands on this cassette, but we could not keep the oldies down. So they were allocated their own side, and we feel some real gems have been uncovered.

This cassette has been mastered in 3d Digi-Sound, DDA, a revolutionary new process designed by ace Progducer Armitage Shanks to capture the special feel of Progressive Rock. We would like to tell you more but cannot until it is patented.

Another new development has taken place within the Silhobbit empire. Silhobbit Music has been created to deal exclusively with the cassette side of our business. There are some exciting projects being planned, which will be announced soon. The address is :-

Silhobbit Music
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Lastly, and most importantly can I thank the following, without them this would not have happened :-
Ian Skinner, Jon Morgan, Steve Paine, Steven Wilson, Richard Jordan, Pete Lacken, Mark Robotham, Tim Mileslong, Stephen Bennett, John Simpson, Andy Labrow, Pete 'I'm Crap' Nicholls, Stu Nicholson, all the Boy's and Girls at Silhobbit, all the bands who trust us too much, Selecta Sound Romford for audio duplication, Armitage Shanks for progduction work, and mastering, and to all you Prog Hounds, Prog Pickers, even the Prog Squad.

Yours in Prog

Cess Van Der Valke

strangeland
dust and ivy

Line up :-

Jeremy Carroll	- Bass
Tom Colvin	- Electric Guitar
Sam Scannell	- Vocals
Ian Skinner	- Accoustic Guitar
Jonah Webb	- Drums

'Dust and Ivy' is one of the four tracks recorded in December 1993, but not released on their excellent debut cassette which should still be available.

Alas during 1994 the band lost their vocalist Sam Scannell. Which was a great pity as the band had been attracting some record company interest. Finding a replacement has not been easy, and presently the search still continues, but the band are very optimistic of a return in 1995.

Contact :-
Strangeland
C/o Ian Skinner
Chapel Close
High Street
South Newington
Oxon
OX15 4JN

legend
cunning man

Line up :-

Debbie Chapman	- Vocals
Steve Paine	- Keyboards
Paul Thompson	- Guitars
Martin Rouski	- Bass
John Macklin	- Drums

Formed in 1988 by Steve Paine, these Pagan powered Proggers are based in the Runcorn area. They made their recording debut in 1991 with the CD 'Light In Extension'. This was followed in 1992 by 'Playing With Fire', a spectacular big budget video extravaganza that has to be seen to be believed. In 1994 the band released the CD 'Second Sight', which has greatly improved the bands standing in the cut and thrust world of Prog. 'Cunning Man' is a recently recorded exclusive for the Silhobbit Cassette.

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Pagan Media Ltd
Ceridwyn House
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WA7 4UX

porcupine tree
the jokes on you

Line up :-
Steven Wilson - Vocals/Guitars/Keyboards

Well we had them on 'Now Thats What I Call Prog Vol 3', and you demanded more. That left us no option but to pester Steven until he said yes. Prog Power to the proletariat, so shout loud it does work.

The forthcoming CD 'The Sky Moves Sideways' due for release in early 1995, should see Porcupine Tree take their rightful place amongst the big players. Watch out for the bootleg CD 'Up the Yellow Staircase' recorded during their November UK tour.

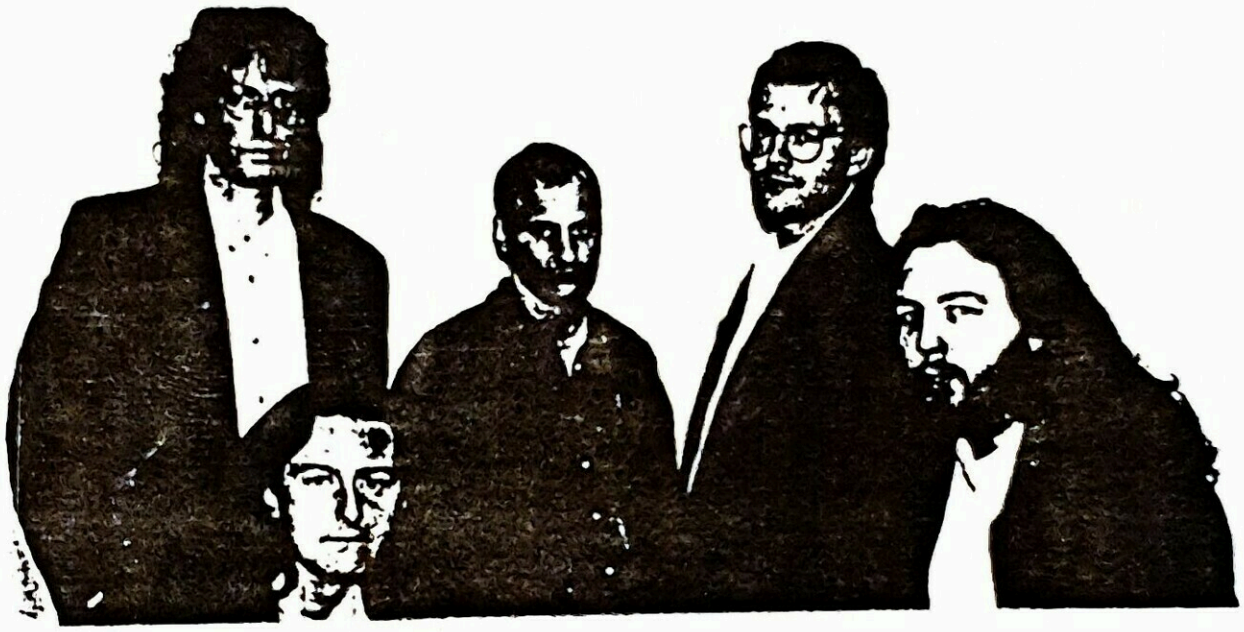
For more Porcupine Tree information write to :-

Delerium Records
Po Box 1288
Gerrards Cross
Bucks
SL9 9YB

moria falls
heart of the night

Line up :-

Paddy Darlington	- Bass
Glen Sanderman	- Guitar
Miff	- Vocals
Richard Jordan	- Drums
Dave White	- Keyboards/B.Vocals



Moria Falls are considered by many to be one of the most promising young Prog bands in the UK. Their cassette 'Bright Lights - White Noise' impressed many with its sensibly grandiose epic feel. The band are busy recording their debut CD the concept album 'Waking Up Screaming', with the assistance of the Godfather of Prog Mr. Clive Nolan. Expect a release in 1995, followed by a European tour with new Mick Pointer project Arena.

Contact :-
Paddy Darlington
The Prophecy
8 Goodmins
Sedgeford
Norfolk
PE36 5NB

incubus succubus fire of love

Line up :-

Candia	- Vocals
Tony Mckormack	- Guitar
Graeme Fletcher	- Bass
Bob Gardener	- Drums
Steve Paine	- Keyboards

Formed in 1990 by Tony Mckormack, going through the obligitory line up changes, and struggles up to 1993 when the band signed with Pagan Records. A CD compiled from earlier material 'Belladonna and Aconite' was their initial release. Being followed in 1994 by their present product the excellent 'Wytches'. Strangly it is the Goth, not Prog/Metal scene that has taken Incubus Succubus to their hearts. Hopefully this unreleased track can change things a little.

For more information contact :-

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Percival Lane
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frog
red cap (live)

Line up :-

Dave	- Vocals
Stuart	- Keyboards
Ian	- Guitars
Wildge	- Bass
Martin	- Drums

So far the recording career of Frog has been restricted to cassette only releases. 'Sundial' (1992), 'Earthworks' (1993), and 'B & B' (1994). This is all set to change thanks to Silhobbits very good friends from the Organ fanzine Sean, and Marina who intend to invest their life savings, and commit Frog to vinyl in 1995.

If you like wonderful, etherial, ambient space rock then check out the band,s latest release because that is what they do best. So why are we offering them playing one of their more up beat Poisoned Electrik Head mode songs ?, well that's just us !.

Silhobbit tip these saucy Scallies for the top given the right breaks, and being signed by GEP. So please go, and check them out.

Contact :-
Frog
C/o Pete Lacken
21 Bowmere Drive
Croft
Warrington
WA3 7HS

grey lady down 12:02 (live)

Line up :-

Louis David	- Keyboards
Julian Hunt	- Guitars
Mark Robotham	- Drums
Sean Spear	- Bass
Martin Wilson	- Vocals

Formed in 1992 Grey Lady Down were originally known as Shadowland. After being sued by Clive Nolan for £300,000 they decided a new name was in order. Ex submariner Mark Robotham got the name from his favourite movie staring Charlton Heston. In 1993 they recorded the tracks that were to become their debut CD 'The Crime', released by Cyclops. Watch out for their new CD due to hit the streets in early 1995.

Contact:-
Grey Lady Down
C/o Mark Robotham
187 West Street
Banbury
Oxon

SPEAR.S.1310/43BA

ROBOTHAM.M.1407/43B.A

DAVID.L.1510/43BA

HUNT.J.2201/43BA

WILSON.M.2510/43BA

ming fighters sold out on you

Line up :-

Wayne Wilkinson	- Bass
Paul Mckay	- Guitar
John Dunnery	- Vocals/Guitar
Jamie Watson	- Drums

Cumbria's best band Ming Fighters have seen a couple of personnel changes since they appeared on the last Silhobbit cassette. Founder members John Dunnery, and Wayne Wilkinson remain, but the drum seat is now occupied by the flamboyant Jamie Watson 'borrowed' from one of the Ming's support bands, who have not noticed his absence. Guitarist Paul Mckay has a BA in Music, but was noticed by the Mings manager Businessman Mark Robson playing air guitar with his broom while sweeping the streets of Cockermouth. Eagle-eyed Robson recognised the outstanding fretwork, and produced a contract there, and then.

Contact :-
Ming Fighters
91 Windebrowe Avenue
Keswick
Cumbria
CA12 4JG

silents
the journey

of a small spherical object along the astral plane (daylight fades remix)

Line up :-

Tim Mileslong	**- Keyboards/Guitars**
Dicky Dixon	**- Drums/Bass**

Once The Ents, now The Silents the tenth best band in Cumbria are still battling on against the tide of fashion. This year sees a slightly slimmer version as the band have shed Malcolm Wicker in prison for poaching, Selywn Tullett gone walkabout, and Peter-John Minkinds because he would not buy his round.

In 1995 the band are hoping to release their quadruple boxed set 'The Meaning of Life Set in the Space of White Noise' providing the necessary finance can be arranged.

Contact :-
Karlmarx Records
Bakers Yard
Keswick
Cumbria
CA12 7AS

subterrania
wheels within

Line up :-

Juri Ivanov	- Bass
Sergi Ivanov	- Guitar
Valeri Ivanov	- Vocals
Alexander Balashov	- Drums
Vladimir Fadeev	- Keyboards
Sergi Kassakov	- Guitar

One of sports little known facts is that the Russian ice speedway team are infact all competent musicians and lovers of Prog rock. They decided after riding a motorbike with 200, 2in long spikes on each wheel, playing some space rock during the long winters nights seemed an ideal way to relax. Here we are proud to present the fruits of their endeavour. Should you wish to see the Russians on tour in 1995 they are at Krasnogorsh 28/1, Berlin 4/2, Warsaw 18/2, Assen 11/3, and Hamar 18/3.

la host
an elegant method of parking

Line up :-

Sean Godfrey	- Bass/Vocals
Stephen Bennett	- Keyboards
Mark Spencer	- Vocals
David Valentine Hagart	- Guitar
Fudge Smith	- Drums

Formed out of the remnants of Airbridge, 'An Elegant Method of Parking' is from The Host's first release, a four track cassette.

For those of you intrigued by this unique band, they have had their back catalogue re-released on CD. 'Erotic Antiques' is the name, and it can still be obtained from GFT.

Stephen Bennett is still in the music business, with The Fire Thieves. A CD 'Clarity' is available, for more information contact :-

55 Gipsy Lane
Norwich
NR5 8AX

appletwig cutter of gods and men

Line up :-

Richard Scott	- Vocals/Flute
John Simpson	- Guitar
Martin Simpson	- Bass/12 String/Flute
Robin Simpson	- Drums
Steve Barrett	- Keyboards

APPLETWIG CUTTER (From left): Richard Scott, Martin Simpson, John Simpson (sitting), Robin Simpson and Stephen Barrett.

appletwig cutter a walk in the new forrest

Everybody at Silhobbit is very proud in having played a small part in bringing Appletwig Cutter out from the cold. They were a band ahead of their time, because playing progressive music in the early 80's was not a hip thing to do. Isolated in the north-east, little did they realise that all over the country bands were doing it too, Marillion, Pallas, 12th Night etc. They all had their day, alas not Appletwig Cutter.

'Of Gods and Men' is a live recording from their final concert at Mingles Wine Bar, Whitley Bay 16th October 1982. Showing the power, majesty, and beauty that is missing from so much of todays offerings that use Prog only as a flag of convenience. This is what real Progressive Rock should all be about.

After so much detective work, and luck actually tracking down the band, we just had to include two cuts. The second 'A Walk in the New Forrest' is from the bands Lab Demo. This was recorded in the Simpson brothers' fathers, dental laboratory.

If you like what you hear, and want more, because there is more, then write to us at Silhobbit Music, and well who knows.

geoff mann
worthless/smile

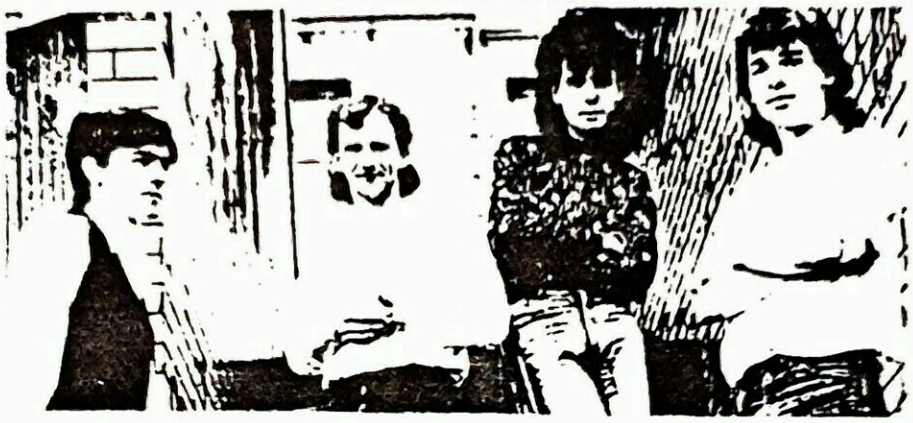
I felt this year it was essential to include a contribution from Geoff Mann. We give you not one, but two songs from the Eh Geoff Mann Band recorded in Europe. I do not have the space here to include a full history of Geoff's contribution to Prog. All that info, is contained on the excellent 'Mannerisms' tribute album featuring everybody who is anybody in the world of Prog. A fitting tribute so buy.

Contact:-
Somewhere Here
C/o Andrew Labrow
8 Garside Hey Road
Brandlesholme
Bury
Lancs
BL8 1HZ

niadems ghost may cradle (live)

Line up :-

David Tompkins	- Bass
David Bennett	- Guitar
Peter Nicholls	- Vocals
Brian Grantham	- Drums



Firstly please accept Silhobbit's apologies over the sound quality of this track, but Oh boy what fun we have had. It sounds simple put onto the Silhobbit cassette one of the few un-recorded Prog rock anthems, never before captured for posterity. Things alas did not work out as planned. We wanted to use the Nottingham tape, but Pete said no because his hair was badly conditioned that night, and insisted on Fulham when his shirt was nicely ironed. We could not argue with such reasoning so there you have it. Do not forget Niadems Ghost have their CD 'In Sheltered Winds' available with slightly better sound quality than our offering.

Contact :-
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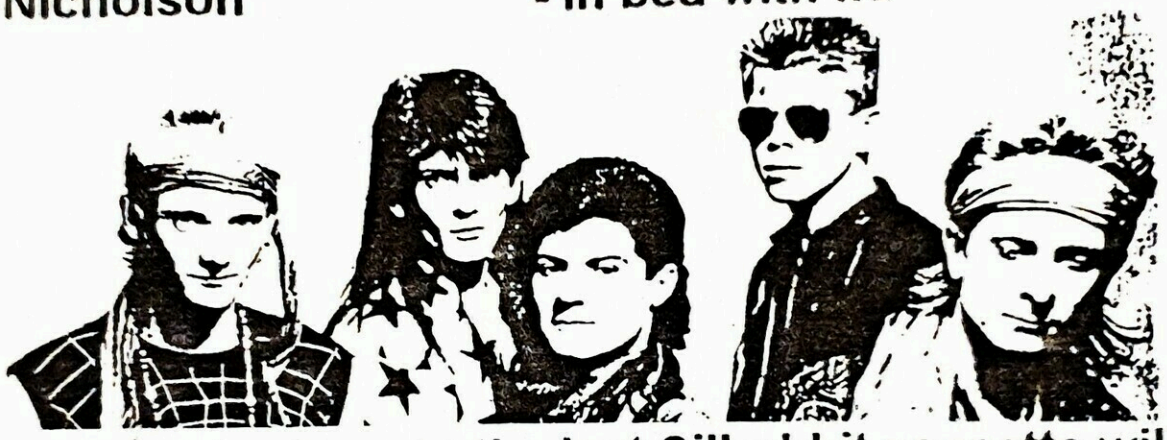
PO Box 23
Alresford
Hampshire
SO24 9WE

galahad
dreaming from the
..../richelieus (live)

Line up :-

Tim Ashton	- Bass
Roy Keyworth	- Guitar
Mark Andrews	- Keyboards
Spencer Luckham	- Drums
Stuart Nicholson	- In bed with flu



Those of you who bought the last Silhobbit cassette will remember the excellent Stuart Nicholson track. Well it seems the rest of the band were not impressed with the singer,s behaviour, because one week after it was released Roy 'Killer' Keyworth was on the phone offering us another Galahad exclusive. With an evil laugh he explained he had a tape of Galahad playing live without Stuart who had been incapacitated that evening. Would we be interested, what do you think we said, listen on....

The next Galahad album the aptly named 'Sleepers' should be in you shops sometime, which might just feature some of Stuarts vocals. Who said let the buyer beware ?.

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Dorset
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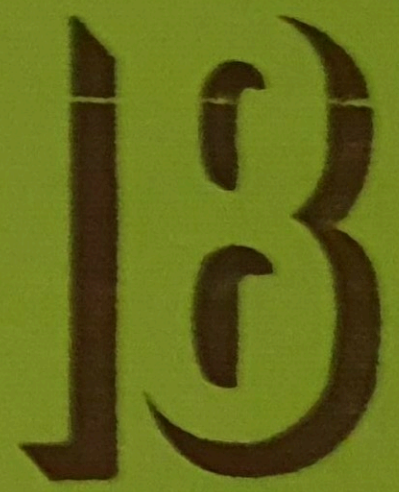

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